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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE - DRAFT DECLARATION ON HUNGER

EQUITABLE AND REMINERATIVE PRICES; TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL MARKETS BY THE PROGRESSIVE REMOVAL AND EVENTUAL ELIMINATION OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS ON THE IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND URGENTLY TO SECURE SUBSTANTIAL NET BENEFITS FOR THE TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AND THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THEIR EXPORTS ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF PREFERENTIAL, NON-DISCRIMINATORY AND NON-RECIPROCAL TREATMENT IN THEIR FAVOUR.

ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD COOPERATE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT, ON A PERMANENT BASIS, OF A SYSTEM OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY BY MEANS OF:

-- ADHERING TO THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR BUILDING UP AND MAINTAINING WORLDWIDE SECURITY STOCKS OF CEREALS AND OTHER BASIC FOODS TO ENSURE THE ADEQUATE AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIES AT ALL TIMES;

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-- COOPERATING IN SETTING UP INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY FOOD

RESERVES;

-- PARTICIPATING IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD SYSTEM OF FOOD INFORMATION, WEATHER MONITORING AND EARLY WARNING AGAINST FOOD SHORTAGES;

-- PROVIDING FOOD AID ON AN EXPANDED AND ASSURED BASIS FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY;

-- COORDINATING NATIONAL CEREAL STOCK AND DISPOSAL POLICIES FOR THE STABILIZATION OF MARKETS AND PRICES IN THE CONTEXT OF APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

END DRAFT TEXT

3. SOVIETS ABSENT FROM 2ND AND 3RD MEETING REAPPEARED AT 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH SESSIONS REPRESENTED BY CHESTNOY. SOVIETS PUSHED HARD FOR PARA (VIII) OF PREAMBULAR PART ON RELATIONSHIP OF PEACE AND JUSTICE TO SOLUTION FOOD PROBLEM.

NUMEROUS EXCHANGES BETWEEN PRC, USSR, AND UK ON THIS PARA. PRC WANTING REFERENCE TO DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT DELETED. UK HAD DIFFICULTY WITH REFERENCE TO PEACEFUL CO-EXISTANCE. (IN SIDE CONVERSATION WITH US DELEGATE THE UK DELEGATE REMARKED HE WAS FIGHTING THIS FOR FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANU.) TEMPERS FLARED IN LAST SESSION AFTER ONLY THREE OR FOUR HOURS SLEEP FOR PAST TWO NIGHTS.

ROUGH EXCHANGES BETWEEN SWISS, SOVIETS, UK AND PRC.

SOVIETS (CHESTNOY) IN LANGUAGE CRITICISING OPPOSITION AND POOR FACILITES STATED DECLARATION WOULD BE MOST IMPORTANT THING COMING OUT OF WFC. SINCE AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED ON PARA (VIII), RAPPORTEUR (SWEDEN) PLACED THREE DRAFTS IN APPENDIX OF THE DECLARATION TO BE SUBMITTED CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE 1. ONE DRAFT IS EARLIER NON-AGREED DRAFT CONSIDERED NOVEMBER 11, ANOTHER IS PROPOSAL OF TASK FORCE WHICH NOT ACCEPTED BY UK AND USSR AND AN ADDITIONAL TEXT IS SUBMITTED BY RAPPORTEUR TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DISCUSSIONS.

4. PERU FINALLY CAPITULATED AND WITHDREW FROM PARA 6 (MARINE RESOURCES) ANY REFERENCE TO SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. HARDEST FOUGHT BATTLES WERE OVER PARAGRAPHS OR AMENDMENTS OFFERED BY ALGERIAN WHO WAS PERSISTENT IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INJUSTICES, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, AS CAUSE OF FOOD PROBLEMS IN LDC'S AND TO ESTABLISH THAT IT IS OBLIGATORY TO DCS TO PROVIDE CORRECTIVE ASSISTANCE.

6. TAKING PART IN DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT WERE FOLLOWING:
USA, UK, SWITZERLAND, ALGERIA (REPLACING DAHOMEY), PERU,
BRAZIL, VENEZUELA, USSR, PRC, YUGOSLAVIA (REPLACING
INDONESIA), GDR, CUBA, MEXICO (AFTER DEPARTURE THEIR
PRESIDENT) AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. KENYA AND ZAIRE
NEVER PARTICIPATED THOUGH DESIGNATED FRIENDS OF RAPPORTEUR.

7, CUBA AFTER FIRST BLASTING SPEECH HAD LITTLE TO SAY,
BUT ALWAYS SUPPORTIVE OF PERUVIAN AND ALGERIAN PROPOSALS.
BRAZILIAN AND VENEZUELAN INTERVENTIONS WERE FEW. GDR
ALWAYS SUPPORTIVE USSR, ESPECIALLY ON PARA (VIII).
MEXICO'S ONLY INTEREST SEEMED TO BE THEIR CHARTER PROPOSAL.
YUGOSLAV WHO HAS BROAD KNOWLEDGE OF UN AFFAIRS FREQUENTLY
BACKED UP ALGERIA WITH REFERENCE TO UN RESOLUTIONS WHICH
THEY TRIES TO RELATED FOOD PROBLEM. UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES (MR. MAHAMMED) PLAYED USEFUL ROLE IN WORKING OUT
LANGUAGE BETWEEN USDEL AND ALGERIAN PROPOSAL (PARA IX).
US WITH UAE AND SWISS HELP WAS ABLE TO GET REMOVED SPECIFIC
REFERENCES RELATING TO TRADE, ORGANIZATION OF MARKETS, AND
STABILIZATION OF PRICES BY INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY
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